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Honorable Philip N. Asprodites Commissioner of Conservation State of Louisiana Post Office Box 44275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: <u>APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING</u>.

Hosston Zone, Reservoir A, and Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, ELM GROVE FIELD, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY, L.P. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Zone, Reservoir A, and to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Caddo Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Hutchinson 9 No. 2 Well and its Eleanor Parker 37 No. 1 Well as alternate unit wells for HOSS RA SU63 and for CV RA SU69, at the locations shown on the attached plats or at any other locations within these units that would comply with the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 361-A-1 and Office of Conservation Order No. 361-B.
- 2. To find that the proposed alternate unit wells are necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Hosston Zone, Reservoir A, underlying HOSS RA SU63, and the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, underlying CV RA SU69, which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such units.
- 3. To discuss such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Hosston Zone, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Caddo, Bossier and Webster Parishes, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-A-1, effective October 1, 1972.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Caddo, Bossier and Webster Parishes, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-B, effective October 1, 1973, and Office of Conservation Order No. 361-B-6, effective May 24, 1978.

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As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter and of each of the attached plats is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plats at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Elm Grove Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose a check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

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Yours very truly,

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Attorney for Devon Energy Production Company, L.P.

DLS:dp Enclosures

cc:

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Mr. Joel Alberts (w/encls.)

Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)

Interested Owners, Represented

Parties and Interested Parties (w/plats only)



